

NOTICE TO ALL TIMBER PURCHASERS

Partridge Pea (C-131)

Calcasieu R.D.

THIS IS A STEWARDSHIP END-RESULT CONTRACT – A COMBINATION OF TIMBER SALE AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICE WORK

Proposals must be received at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA by 4:00 P.M. on August 17, 2016. This is a Best Value Offer Contract and award will be based on a combination of price and technical performance.

LOCATION: This contract area is located approximately six (6) miles northeast of Cravens, LA in T1N R6W, Sections 27, 34 and 35; T1S R6W, Section 3 of Vernon Parish. This contract is NOT within the Intensive Use Area of the District, and the timber is not considered bullet contaminated.

INCLUDED TIMBER: The contract area consists of about 1,034 acres, of which an estimated 493 acres are designated for cutting. The sale contains ten (10) Payment Units, all of which are marked thinning units. There are RCW trees within PU-3 where the logging season will be restricted to the period outside the nesting season, which is March 1 – June 30. The boundaries of the Payment Units are marked with orange paint.

LENGTH OF CONTRACT: The Contract termination date will be **June 30, 2019.**

FORM AD-3030-FS: Corporations submitting an offer under this solicitation must include form AD-3030-FS Representations Regarding Felony Conviction and Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants. The form is located behind Page 5 of the Bid for Advertised Timber.

EROSION CONTROL: The Purchaser will be responsible for seeding and fertilizing approximately 4 acres to Forest Service specifications. The Purchaser may elect to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Forest Service to have the Erosion Control work performed in exchange for a cooperative deposit in the amount of **\$1,843.52.**

PREHAUL ROAD MAINTENANCE: The Purchaser will be required to perform Pre-Haul Road Maintenance on 2.13 miles of Forest Service roads V131A and V131D prior to hauling. The work includes placing 1200 tons of 610 Road Base on the roads. A cost allowance of **\$66,247.84** is estimated for this work and should be considered a logging cost for prospective bidders. See sample contract for specific information.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: The purchaser will be responsible for making a required deposit (16 U.S.C. 537) in the amount of \$0.57 per CCF (approximately \$2,715.43) for using Forest Service roads to haul timber. Additionally, a cost allowance for Purchaser required road maintenance on secondary roads of approximately \$1,5080.50 has been made in the appraised value of the timber.

SLASH DISPOSAL: In Payment Units 1 through 10, Slash Disposal will be required in areas where slash accumulation is higher than 2 feet.

CONTRACTUAL SERVICE WORK: GT.9 of this contract requires performance of stewardship conservation projects. The KT-GT.9 provision describes the stewardship work to be done, which includes 140 acres of RCW Habitat Enhancement (RCWHE), 11.5 acres of clearing and stump removal,

and 11.5 acres of planting of wildlife food plots (see attached description of work). Proposals must contain a price and a technical proposal for the work (*see section "20 General" of the Prospectus for direction on submitting proposals*). Offerors must be prepared to do all the service work requested.

BEST VALUE AWARD: Offerors must submit a Technical Proposal (*see section "20 General" for direction on submitting a Technical Proposal and a Price Proposal (Bid Forms FS 2400-14BVU)*). The proposals will be evaluated by a Source Selection Team who will make a recommendation to the Contracting Officer. **The contract will be awarded based on BEST VALUE to the GOVERNMENT, not necessarily the BEST price.**

STEWARDSHIPS CREDITS: Contract clause ET.2.2 explains the acquisition and use of stewardship credits. Stewardship credits are earned and established when work described in KT-GT.9 has been performed and accepted. Earned stewardship credits may be used to pay for Included Timber value in excess of Base Rates and Required Deposits.

SHOW-ME TRIP: The District will conduct a show-me-trip for anyone interested in learning more about this contract and the specific requirements. Interested offerors should meet at the Dove Field near the intersection of LA399 and FS Road V131A at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 22, 2016.

All interested bidders should investigate the contract area and the sample contract prior to submission of offers, and become familiar with the provisions mentioned above and others which apply to this timber sale contract. Please contact John Simpson at the District Office at (318) 793-9427 if you have any questions about this contract.

KT-GT.9# - STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

Project Number 001: RCW Habitat Enhancement (RCWHE)

In RCWHE areas 1-3, outside of the 50' streamside buffer around protected streams shown on the Contract Area Map, sever all hardwood stems below 10.0 inches DBH and all pine stems below 5.0 inches DBH. Streamside zones and special areas are identified on the Contract Area Map with the symbol _____. All trees designated for felling shall be completely severed from the stump. All severed trees that lean or lodge on nearby live trees shall be removed and felled to lie completely on the ground. Trees that are felled will be cut as close to the ground as practical, but no higher than six inches from ground level on the uphill side of the tree.

The entire area consists of 140 acres, and shall be treated where equipment can safely maneuver. Equipment must meet OSHA standards.

Trees designated for felling treatment that occur adjacent to roads, firelines, streamside management zones, exclusion area, and trails will be felled away from those improvements. Slash that falls in ditches, roadways, or on any of the structures mentioned will be treated under KT-GT.7.

The boundary of the treatment area is painted with 3 orange bands at eye level.

Trees or Other Vegetation Not to be Treated:

- Residual trees not designated for removal.

- Trees located along property boundary marked with red paint, signs, tags, blazes or other survey information.

- Boundary markers such as painted trees or flagging that mark unit boundaries, streamside zones, or exclusions and the trees contained within the exclusions.

Project Number 002: Clearing and Stump Removal in Wildlife Openings

Within the designated Wildlife Openings, as shown on Contract Area Map, remove designated merchantable trees, clear all sub-merchantable woody stems, and remove all stumps greater than 5" diameter at ground level. Wildlife Openings (16 openings – total of 11.5 acres) are designated with light pink flagging hung at the boundaries.

Stumps shall be disposed of at the designated area shown on Page 2 of the Contract Area Map.

The area for disposing of the stumps is in old gravel pits located off Forest Service Road 451. The gravel pits are approximately ½ mile within the Intensive Use Area (IUA) for Fort Polk, thus clearance from Fort Polk Range Control will be needed when disposing of stumps. A US Forest Service Representative will designate and communicate with the Offeror which gravel pits will be used for disposing of stumps.

After the stumps are removed and disposed of, the area within the Wildlife openings shall be bladed with a bulldozer blade to smooth and level holes and depressions created during the logging operations and removal of stumps. No stump holes greater than 6 inches deep shall be left.

Project Number 003: Planting of Wildlife Openings

Approximately 11.5 acres of Wildlife Openings, in 16 separate areas, shall be planted with one of the following wildlife seed mixtures at the rates indicated below:

SEASON	Seed Mix	Rate/Opening
April – June	Browntop Millet	10 lbs
	Pearl Millet	3 lbs
	Dove Proso Millet	3 lbs
Oct – March	Wheat	20 lbs
	Cereal Rye	5 lbs
	Cowpeas (var Iron and Clay)	2 lbs

No planting July – September.